

ABSTRACT

A seat slide device in which an upper slide element is slid by a drive unit along a lower track element via a flexible drive transmission element. The drive unit is provided in a floor, and the flexible drive transmission element is arranged between the drive unit and upper slide element, such that a whole drive transmission path assumes a generally "Z" or "inverted Z" shape in plan, or a triangular shape in plan. An auxiliary flexible drive transmission element may be added so that the whole drive transmission path assumes a generally "figure-of-eight" shape in plan. A lock operation/control system is provided to insure precise locking and unlocking of the upper slide element with respect to the lower track element, while simultaneously effecting selective switch-over operation of the drive unit to cause forward and backward movement of the upper slide element along the lower track element.